



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 1287

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AN ACT CONCERNING VISITING INTERNATIONAL TEACHER PERMITS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) The State Board of
2 Education shall, upon the request of a local or regional board of
3 education, issue an international teacher permit in a subject shortage
4 area pursuant to section 10-8b of the general statutes, provided the
5 conditions for issuance of such permit pursuant to the provisions of
6 subsections (b) and (c) of this section are met. Such permits shall be
7 issued for one year and may be renewed for a period of up to one year,
8 upon the request of the local or regional board of education, provided
9 the permit shall not be renewed more than twice in the two years
10 subsequent to the initial issuance.

11 (b) The local or regional board of education requesting the issuance
12 of an international teacher permit shall attest to the existence of a plan
13 for the supervision of the teacher.

14 (c) The teacher shall:

15 (1) Hold a J-1 visa issued by the United States Department of State;

16 (2) Be in the United States to teach (A) in accordance with a
17 memorandum of understanding between Connecticut and the country

18 from which the teacher is entering, or (B) as part of the Exchange
 19 Visitor Program administered by the United States Department of
 20 State Teacher Exchange Branch;

21 (3) (A) Hold the equivalent of a bachelor's degree, from a regionally
 22 accredited institution of higher education, as determined by a foreign
 23 credentialing agency recognized by the Commissioner of Education,
 24 with a major in or closely related to the certification endorsement area
 25 in which the teacher is to teach, or (B) hold such a degree without such
 26 a major and have successfully completed the teacher assessment for
 27 the appropriate subject area, as approved by the State Board of
 28 Education;

29 (4) Have completed, in the country from which the teacher is
 30 entering, the equivalent of a regionally accredited teacher preparation
 31 program; and

32 (5) Have achieved the level of oral proficiency in English as
 33 determined by an examination approved by the Commissioner of
 34 Education.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section

ED *Joint Favorable Subst.*